

step-father Ron Peters of Tampa; and sister Samantha. He is also survived by his grandparents Jeannette Dufresne of New Port Richey, Robert and Fay Pruitt of Inverness, and many other friends and family members.

In honor of his memory, the Indian River Community College established the "Kenneth P. Pruitt, Jr. Scholarship" in order to provide assistance to students wishing to follow in Kenneth's footsteps and make a career in the field of computer technology. In this way, the spirit of this bright and talented young man will carry on to inspire others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the RECORD that I intended to vote "aye" on rollcall vote 859 taken on September 6, 2007 supporting passage of H.R. 2786, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act.

HONORING THE ASHEVILLE DIVISION U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication of the cadets and volunteers of the Asheville Division U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is a federally chartered youth training organization for students ages eleven to seventeen that is designed to educate young people about service in the Navy and Coast Guard both ashore and afloat.

The Asheville Division provides the young people of Western North Carolina with unparalleled opportunities to learn new skills and experience new challenges in a safe, alcohol and drug free environment. Some Cadets choose to continue to serve their country through military service, while many others go on to pursue civilian careers. Regardless of their future path, cadets benefit from the lessons learned in the program—good citizenship, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, and leadership skills.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Katelyn Kassel for reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer, the highest rank a cadet can achieve while participating in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Program. CPO Kassel is the first in the history of the Asheville Division to reach this honor. She is currently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she is participating in the Army ROTC program and studying as a pre-law student.

I am extremely proud of CPO Kassel for her hard work and dedication to this program. She was a wonderful asset to the program at her high school and serves as an excellent role model to other students. I have no doubt that CPO Kassel will serve our country well in the U.S. military.

I commend each of the cadets for their service in this important program, as well as the volunteers who keep this program going, especially Commanding Officer LTJG Heath Collins and Executive Officer R. Scott Lunsford. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the cadets and volunteers of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets in Asheville and throughout the United States.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE C. SCHULZE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Christine C. Schulze who passed away on July 19, 2007.

Christine was born May 14, 1915, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. She was educated in southern Wisconsin and was employed by the U.S. Naval Training Station in Waukegan, Illinois during World War II. After the war she worked for Needham, Louis and Brorby Advertising Agency in Chicago. Christine then owned and operated a ladies' dress shop in Burbank, California before retiring with her husband, Werner in 1979 to Las Vegas, Nevada.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Christine also became interested in aviation. This interest evolved into a philanthropic project which provided an educational scholarship fund for students pursuing careers in aviation. In 2002, she established a scholarship fund for Rancho High School's Aviation Academy. Since its inception, the scholarship has provided over 500 student pilots with funding. In recognition of her philanthropic support to the students at Rancho High School, the school dedicated the Christine C. Schulze Aerospace Laboratory in her honor because of her generous donations to aviation and flight scholarships.

In a personal capacity, Christine was extremely active and dedicated to her community. She was a member of the Eastern Star, President of the Zonta Club, President of the Board of Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and established the Senior Auxiliary Board of the Retired Senior Volunteers of Henderson. She was active in the Republican Women of Henderson, Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and Safe House of Henderson, to which she donated the first beds and linens for the facility. She also donated her time and efforts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, in Boulder City, Nevada. Christine was a long-time Episcopalian and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Las Vegas and was influential in the development of the Christ Church Endowment Fund.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of Christine C. Schulze. Her dedication to the community and philanthropic devotion to students should serve as an example to us all. I applaud all her efforts.

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HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment with the United Nation's rejection of Taiwan's membership bid. More than 14 times, the U.N. has denied Taiwan's application. It is unclear to me why this sovereign state, with a democratically elected government, should be refused entry into the international institution of the United Nations. I have heard the argument that granting Taiwan U.N. membership would upset the status quo Taiwan has with China. But, Madam Speaker, such arguments are weak. I suspect the real reason for the denial of Taiwan's recognition in the U.N. is the U.N.'s fear of upsetting the status quo the U.N. has with China's communist regime. It is outrageous to deny Taiwan's 23 million citizens representation in what should be a fair international organization. I am dismayed by the U.N.'s decision. Madam Speaker, but frankly, I am not surprised by it. It is obvious to me that the problem does not lie with Taiwan; rather, it lies with an incompetent, corrupt, and dictator-appeasing U.N.

PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 4, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment regarding the House of Representatives' approval of S. 1927, legislation greatly expanding the Bush Administration's eavesdropping authority beyond even what Administration officials requested. I urge the House Judiciary Committee to promptly consider and report improved legislation that will provide the necessary surveillance authority our intelligence services need to protect our nation, while protecting our citizens' most basic expectation of privacy and fundamental civil liberties that are guaranteed by our constitution. Specifically, the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states plainly: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

I have been a longstanding supporter of efforts to provide our intelligence and law enforcement agencies with all the necessary tools they need to monitor potential agents with terrorist intentions against the United States. Following the awful terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on our country, I joined 356 of my House colleagues to vote for the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-56). The legislation gave federal officials greater authority to track and intercept communications, both for law enforcement and foreign intelligence